(c) the number of complaints received in regard to this telephone network during last two years; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government for ensuring the proper functioning of telephones in said district and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The telephone network in Cuttack district is functioning properly. Utilisation of exchange capacities is 84%.

(c) Total number of complaints 1327 received during last two years.

(d) Efforts are made by constant monitoring from Circle Headquarter and periodical review by telecom. district head/subdivisional heads for proper functioning of telephone network in Cuttak district. Present performance is satisfactory.

[English]

Crime Graph in Delhi

640. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming increase in the crime graph in Delhi in the recent past including increase in the cases of dowry deaths, bride burning, kidnapping etc;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number of such cases registered by Delhi Police during the period from July to October, 1991 and how does the same compare with the cases registered during the same period in the last two years;

(d) how many of the registered cases are pending and reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to check the increase in the crimes against women and to tone up the working style of the Delhi Police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Notification Postponing Elections In Delhi

641. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the last elections for Delhi Metropolitan Council and Municipal Corporation were held and the tenure thereof;

(b) the number of times notification was issued by the Government for postponing elections for these bodies;

(c) the reasons for postponing the elections for the local bodies of Delhi time and again; and

(d) the time by which elections for these bodies are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a)to (d). The last elections to the Metropolitan Council were held on 5. 2. 1983. The term of the Council was to expire on 16.3.1988. On 24.12.1987, the term of the Council was extended for a peric d of one year on the ground that the reorganisation of Delhi set-up was under consideration. The period was further extended by one year on 9.1.1989 on the same ground. On the basis of a report from the Administrator, Delhi, the President suspended for a period of 4 months from 13.1.1990 the operation of certain provisions of the Delhi Administration Act, 1966 and dissolved the Metropolitan Council of Delhi. The period of suspension of the operation of these provisions of the Delhi